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Purpose and Audience:

The Colorado Department of Health Care Policy & Financing (Department) invites the public to comment on proposed waiver amendments to the following Home and Community-Based Services (HCBS) waivers: Persons with Brain Injury (BI), Children's Extensive Support (CES), Children's Home and Community-Based Services (CHCBS), Children's Habilitation Residential Program (CHRP), Community Mental Health Supports (CMHS), and Supported Living Services (SLS). The Department also welcomes public comment on waiver renewals for the following HCBS waivers: Children with Life-Limiting Illness (CLLI) and Persons with Spinal Cord Injury (SCI).

Information:

The Department intends to submit the amendments and renewals to the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) on March 18, 2020. The Department will request an effective date of June 30, 2020 for the amendments and effective date of July 1, 2020 for the two renewals.

The proposed waiver amendments include the following changes:

- Update language related to Department of Local Affairs-Division of Housing (DOLA-DOH) Interagency Agreement (IA) Function and Oversight (BI, CMHS, EBD, SCI)
- Removal of Point in Time Limitation (CLLI)
- Update Youth Day Service (CES)
- Update Supported Community Connections Service (CHRP)
- Removal of Unnecessary Language (EBD)
- Addition of New Provider Types (CHRP, CLLI)
- Intensive Support and Transition Support In-Home Support Services Name Change (CHRP)
- Update to Provider Qualifications and Frequency of Verification in Provider Services (EBD)
- Correct Provider Types in Respite (CLLI)
- Update Regulation Citation (BI)
- Align Preventative Basic Dental Service Span Dates to Fiscal Year (SLS)
- Designation of Abuse Screening Registry (BI, CMHS, EBD, SCI)
- Addition of Critical Incident and Mistreatment Reporting Participant Education (BI, CHCBS, CLLI, CMHS, EBD, SCI)
- Updates to Quality Improvement Strategies (All)
- Update Performance Measure Language (All)
- Update Post Payment Review (PPR) (all waivers)
- Update Unduplicated Counts (BI, CES, CHCBS, CMHS, EBD, SLS)
- Change name of Consumer-Directed Advisory Committee to Participant-Directed Programs Policy Committee (BI, CMHS, EBD, SCI)
- Addition of Services included in the Service Plan Authorization Limit (SPAL) and SPAL increase (SLS)
- Update Critical Incident Reporting (SCI, CLLI)
- Update Cost Neutrality Projections (All)
- Geographical Minimum Wage Language Addition (All)
- Spelling, grammar, and language (CLLI, SCI)

For a more detailed summary of all changes, please go to the Department's website at <https://www.colorado.gov/pacific/hcpf/hcbs-waiver-transition> to view the full draft waivers and the amendment/renewal fact sheet. You may also obtain a paper or electronic copy by calling 303-866-3684 or by writing the Department at 1570 Grant St, Denver, CO 80203.

The public comment period is open for 30 days, from February 6, 2020 through March 6, 2020.

Comments should be submitted to the Department through the following routes:

- By Email: HCPF_LTSS.PUBLICCOMMENT@state.co.us
- By Phone: 303-866-3684
- By US Mail: Attention: HCBS Waiver Amendments/Renewals, 1570 Grant St., Denver, CO 80203
- By Fax: Attention HCBS Waiver Amendments/Renewals 303-866-2786

Attachments:

None

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